Dear Mildred Helms Families,

Thanks for your support of Teacher Appreciation Week as we celebrated all our wonderful teachers who put their heart and soul into their work each and every day. Thank you to all our families who supported our Spring Book Fair and PTA Fundraiser. We appreciate your support.

Congratulations to fifth grader Naomi Putera on winning the Award of Excellence at the Word & Image Exhibition. Her work will be on display at the Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg. Congratulations to all our wonderful artists and vocalists that have been recognized throughout the year.

FAST math testing will take place May 15–18 in grades 3-5. Please ensure that students are in attendance and on time for testing so that they may test with their classroom teacher. All completed STAR (Kindergarten through second grade) assessments and FAST (third through fifth grade) assessment scores are posted on your child’s FOCUS screen under assessments.

Our International Showcase and Exhibition as well as our schoolwide Art Show will take place on Thursday, May 18th from 5pm -7pm. Each grade will host activities and showcase their yearlong inquires. The Art Show will showcase 2D and 3D art created throughout the year. We hope to see you at this family event.

The final PTA meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, May 18th during the Showcase. The meeting will include voting for the 2023-24 PTA Board. All PTA members are encouraged to attend the meeting and cast their vote. PTA appreciates your support throughout the year.

As we quickly approach the last day of school, here are just a few reminders:

- The last day for backpacks is Friday, May 19th. This applies to all students.
- The last day of school is Thursday, May 25th. Students will be dismissed two hours early at 12:55pm. Please make arrangements now for on time pickup.

Thank you for your continued support! Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Brennan
2023-2024 Supply Lists

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School
2023-2024 Suggested Supply Lists

Kindergarten

Please label all supplies with your child's name, including clothing.

- Zippered backpack
  (large enough to carry a large library book, no rolling backpacks, please)
- Regular size bath towel for rest
  (no beach towels, plastic mats, pillows)
- Complete change of uniform clothing in a gallon size baggie
- 1 set of headphones in labeled baggie
- 1 Plastic snap lid pencil box with jumbo pencils
- One 1" binder with clear front pouch
- 3 wide ruled composition notebooks
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 pack Crayola crayons
  (Jumbo Crayons preferred)

Class Wish List:
- Variety of baggies
- Boxes of tissue
- Thick & thin markers
- Hand sanitizer & soap
- Dry erase markers
- Paper towels

1st Grade

Please label all supplies with your child's name.

- 1 set of headphones in labeled baggie
- One 1" binder with clear front pouch
- Glue sticks
- Pencil box with pencils
- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons
- Black expo markers (4 pack)
- 2 folders
- One black composition notebook

Class Wish List:
- Variety of baggies
- Boxes of tissue
- Hand sanitizer & soap
- Black dry erase markers
- Lined index cards

2nd Grade

Please label all supplies with your child's name.

- 1 set of headphones in labeled baggie
- 2 composition notebooks
- 2 Folders
- Pencils & Pencil Box
- 3 Dry erase markers
- 2 boxes of 16-count crayons
- Pencil top erasers

Class Wish List:
- Sticky notes
- Dry erase markers
- Boxes of tissue
- Hand sanitizer & soap

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School
Modified Uniform Dress Code

All students must adhere to the requirements of the modified uniform policy which remains in effect for the 2023-23 school year as follows:

- Shirts: solid-colored, collared polo-shirt in light blue, navy blue and red only. Shirts should be short or long sleeve, design or logo greater than a quarter in size. Mildred Helms school spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays.
- Jeans: "Denim" or "casual" blue jeans may be worn on Fridays.
- Uniform: All students will wear the school uniform on a regular basis.

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School
2023-2024 Suggested Supply Lists

3rd Grade

Please label all supplies with your child's name.

- 1 set of headphones
- 1-1/2" white binder (Clear front cover)
- 3-Composition notebooks
- 1-4 pack black dry erase markers
- 1-Pencil box with pencils, glue sticks, crayons, sensors
- 4-Pocket folders with prongs (1-red, 1-blue, 1-green, 1-yellow)

Class Wish List:
- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizer and soap
- Sandwich and gallon size baggies

4th Grade

Please label all supplies with your child's name.

- 1 set of headphones in labeled baggie
- 5 composition notebooks
- Pencil box with crayons, pencils, colored pencils, markers
- One 1" binder with pockets
- 4 folders with pockets and prongs
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 Composition notebook for Spanish

Class Wish List:
- Hand sanitizer & soap
- Post-it notes
- Baggies
- Boxes of tissue
- Glue Sticks

5th Grade

Please label all supplies with your child's name.

- 1 set of headphones in labeled baggie
- 5 composition notebooks
- Pencil box with crayons, pencils, colored pencils, markers
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- One 1" binder with pockets
- 4 folders with prongs & pockets
- 1 Composition notebook for Spanish

Class Wish List:
- Hand sanitizer & soap
- Sticky notes
- Dry erase markers
- Markers
- Glue sticks

Back to School

First Day: Thursday, August 10, 2023
School Hours 8:45a.m.-2:55p.m.
Breakfast 8:15-8:35a.m.

Stay up to date with everything Mildred Helms by visiting our website at pcsb.org/mildred-es.
The last week of school your child will be coming home with a portfolio of the last few Art projects they have completed. I have been hanging on to these pieces, as I will be curating a school-wide Art show on May 18th. This is also the night of the 5th grade PYP Exhibition & International Showcase. I encourage everyone to come and check out some of the 2D & 3D work they have created this year, as each student will have at least 1 piece to view! Students may also take home their 3D pieces at the end of the show that evening. I have also just finished restoring our "Dolphin Bottle Cap Mural" which will be right near where the art show will be held. Come out and celebrate the Arts on a fun night at Mildred Helms!

What an honor it was to see Naomi P. win the Award of Excellence at the Word & Image (Grades 3-5) exhibition. This awesome show was held at The Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg. There were 200 submissions by Pinellas county Art Teachers, and only 75 of those were selected to hang on the walls of the Morean. Naomi’s artwork was voted top 3 in the county for this show!!! Congrats Naomi! What an accomplishment to cherish forever!

Every year the Florida Art Education Association (FAEA) has a statewide student Art assessment & virtual Art exhibition. This is open to Art teachers across the state of Florida to submit student artwork to be recognized & judged. As Florida’s premier program for assessing student artwork, the K-12 Student Art Assessment & Virtual Exhibition serves as a tool to help visual art teachers develop their art programs, foster performance in the classroom, and celebrate the artistic achievements of Florida’s students, teachers, and school art programs. This year, Kavya J. (5th) & Peyton H. (2nd) were recognized by the state with an Award of Excellence. There were 1,869 submissions by Teachers statewide. Of those 1,869 submissions, only 168 were awarded this honor. Their artwork scored between a 3.5-3.9 on a 4 point scale. I am super proud of you both!!

I wanted to recognize the following students for having their artwork displayed in the front office area of Mildred Helms this year. Thank you for adding artistic beauty to our School.

Yareni T. - Kdg  Sarah D. - 3rd  Oliver V. - 4th  Madeline P. - 5th
Edward C - 1st  Imani R. - 3rd  Kiele C. - 4th  Arianna E. - 5th
Havana K. - 2nd  Aurora K. - 3rd  Sidney C. - 4th  Matthew P. - 5th
Peyton H. - 2nd  Tristan B. - 3rd  Ahmed A. - 4th  Maxine H. - 5th
Ava R. - 2nd

Congratulations to the following 10 students who had their artwork selected to hang in the Pinellas County Schools Administration building for the 2023-24 Pinellas All-County K-12 Art Exhibition. This annual exhibition features K-12 student artwork from every PCS school displayed throughout the Administration Building from June 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024. Great job everyone!

Ava R. - 1st  Jaelynn T - 4th
Emma B. - 1st  Norah H. - 4th
Nevaeh K. - 3rd  Myla B. - 4th
Sarah D. - 3rd  Liam N. - 4th
Kiele C. - 4th  Maxine H. - 5th

Ms. Lee’s Café Bites!

Harvest of the month that the kids were so excited about in April.  
Harvest of the month for May is blueberries.
Join the Mildred Helms PTA today on Memberhub!

Join us for the May PTA General Meeting! Tuesday, May 18th at 6:00pm in the café

PTA is looking for new board members for the 2022/2023 school year. The positions we have available are Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Programs, VP of Fundraising, Health & Safety Chair and Reflections Chair. If you are interested in being a part of our board and helping to plan the activities for the next school year, please email president@mildredhelmspta.org.

Thank you community sponsors for your generous donations to our school!

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Way to go Mr. Kiebzak and friends!
Thank you MHES families for collecting bottle caps!
April Knowledgeable Learners of the Month

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines.

We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

PK3 & VPK— Olivia M., Jukobi F., Josiah L.
K— Olivia S., Jason H., Brooks A., Luna V., Adrionna W.
1st— Kayden B., Omar A., Tharon L., Edward C., Noah J.
2nd— Vivian L., William B., Catherine H., Michael O.
3rd— Lorenzo W., Corie P., Emiral D., Aurora K., Vern M.
4th— Casey G., Zyven L., Iam M.
5th— Mohammad D., Nicholas D., Jason H., Maikor M.

Check out these 5th graders working hard on their Exhibition Projects!
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